



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Harmonious Art Group Exhibits Calligraphy, Brush Painting at Activity Center

Gaithersburg, MD (April 16, 2019) - In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the City of Gaithersburg and its Multicultural Affairs Committee (MAC) present an exhibit featuring the artwork of the Harmonious Art Group, on display April 26 through June 24, 2019, at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park, 506 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Viewing hours are Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The public is invited to meet the artists during a free Artists Reception on Sunday, May 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. A proclamation declaring May as Asian Pacific Heritage Month will be presented during the Mayor and City Council meeting on May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

This year celebrates the **20th Annual Exhibition of Chinese Calligraphy and Brush Painting** at the Activity Center at Bohrer Park. Group members and their students will exhibit their works in traditional and contemporary Chinese styles.

The **Harmonious Art Group** was founded in 1995 by Bertrand Mao, master of Chinese Shan-Shui (Mountain-Water) and calligraphy, and John Wang, master of Chinese calligraphy and seal cutting, to share the beauty of this ancient art form with the community. Over the years members have incorporated new techniques and styles demonstrating the diversity of Chinese art. For more information e-mail info@HarmoniousArtGroup.com.

Please note that all images are copyrighted by the artist and most of the artwork is for sale. For more information, please contact Shellie Williams at 301-258-6394, e-mail shellie.williams@gaithersburgmd.gov or Andi Rosati at 301-258-6350, e-mail andi.rosati@gaithersburgmd.gov. Visit the Activity Center at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

While various cultures are recognized throughout the year with proclamations and art exhibits, the City collectively celebrates the many cultures that make up the fabric of its community with an annual DiverseCity Showcase. The 2019 event takes place on Saturday, May 11 from noon to 4:30 p.m. and Lakeforest Mall, and it will feature the music, dance, storytelling and fashion of many cultures. For more information visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov. The DiverseCity Showcase is hosted by the City of Gaithersburg Multicultural Affairs Committee.

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